

**ABSOLUTE RATING:** Unsatisfactory  
**IMPROVEMENT RATING:** Good

Number of high schools with students similar to ours: 6. The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from unsatisfactory to unsatisfactory. For the improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to good.

(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

### RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD

	Absolute Rating	Improvement Rating
<b>2001</b>	Unsatisfactory	Good
<b>2002</b>		
<b>2003</b>		
<b>2004</b>		

### TENTH GRADE PASSAGE OF ONE OR MORE SUBTESTS OF THE EXIT EXAM

	Our School			Schools With Students Like Ours		
	1999	2000	2001	1999	2000	2001
• Passed all 3 subtests	47.9	52.1	52.6	28.8	42.5	46.1
• Passed 2 subtests	20.2	19.2	17.5	24.6	22.8	22.2
• Passed 1 subtest	24.5	15.1	19.3	28.5	18.8	14.7
• Passed no subtests	7.4	13.7	10.5	18.0	15.9	17.1

ELIGIBILITY FOR LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS	Our School	Schools With Students Like Ours
% of seniors eligible for LIFE Scholarships	3.0%	3.3%
% of seniors who met the SAT requirement	3.0%	3.3%
% of seniors who met the grade point average	31.3%	26.0%

Beginning in 2003, the graduation rate for each high school will be included in the school rating.

### PERFORMANCE BY STUDENT GROUPS

Student Group	Seniors		
	Exit Exam Passage Rate by Spring 2001	Eligibility for LIFE Scholarships	Graduation Rate
<b>All students</b>	89.2%	3.0%	N/A until 2003
Students with disabilities other than speech	100.0%	0.0%	
Students without disabilities	88.2%	3.1%	
<b>Gender</b>			
Male	86.8%	3.3%	
Female	90.9%	2.7%	
<b>Ethnic Group</b>			
African American	89.0%	3.0%	
Hispanic	N/A	N/A	
White	N/A	N/A	
Other	N/A	N/A	
<b>Lunch Status</b>			
Free/reduced-price lunch	87.7%	3.0%	
Pay for lunch	100.0%	N/A	

### STUDENTS IN CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY COURSES

Mastering core competencies	62.9%
Completers placed	100.0%
Eligible students enrolled	58.2%

## SCHOOL PROFILE

### INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
<b>SCHOOL</b>				
• Dollars spent per student	\$7,767	N/A	\$8,713	\$5,668
• Prime instructional time	84.4%	Down from 88.5%	84.9%	90.1%
• Student-teacher ratio	23.0 to 1	N/A	14.2 to 1	25.1 to 1
<b>STUDENTS (n=447)</b>				
• Advanced Placement/ Int'l Baccalaureate Program Exam Success Ratio	8.3%	N/A	0.0%	40.0%
• Attendance rate	94.1%	Down from 94.7%	94.7%	95.3%
• Retention rate	8.8%	Up from 6.7%	16.6%	10.0%
<b>TEACHERS (n=33)</b>				
• Professional Development days per teacher	7.8 Days	Up from 7.6	6.1 Days	7.5 Days
• Attendance rate	94.3%	Down from 95.2%	93.0%	95.7%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	30.3%	Up from 25.8%	50.8%	49.4%
• Continuing contract teachers	81.8%	No change	74.3%	81.0%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	0.0%	No change	6.8%	3.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	82.8%	Down from 87.4%	78.9%	85.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$36,853	Up 5.5%	\$39,016	\$38,125

### SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median High School
<b>SCHOOL</b>				
• Dropout rate	2.8%	Up from 2.5%	1.1%	2.9%
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	46.2%	N/A	56.9%	56.4%
• Principal's years at the school	1.0	N/A	2.5	3.0
• Percent of parents attending conferences	78.8%	N/A	77.3%	60.1%
• Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	N/A	Good	Excellent
<b>STUDENTS</b>				
• Older than usual for grade	11.2%	Down from 13.3%	18.9%	10.1%
• Suspended or expelled	6	N/A	5	29
• Gifted and talented	12.2%	Down from 14.3%	1.1%	7.4%
• With disabilities other than speech	12.2%	Up from 7.5%	24.7%	10.7%
• Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	4.3%	N/A	4.3%	4.5%
• Enrollment in career and technology center courses	260	N/A	202	350
• Career students participating in work-based experiences	12.8%	N/A	10.2%	23.1%



## PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

This has been a good year at Scott's Branch High School. Our students showed improvement academically and artistically. They engaged in a number of service activities and set an example for students in other schools in our area. Among our accomplishments are the following:

1. Seniors were offered more than \$1.2 million in scholarships.
2. 31.9% of our seniors graduated with honors.
3. Our Drama Program presented two exceptional programs for the community.
4. All of our Athletic Teams participated in playoff competition.
5. The average SAT scores increased by 36 points.
6. Our Marching Eagles Band participated in the Disney Magic Music Days.

Every field trip and academic competition attended by our students generated positive comments regarding our students' excellent social skills. We have challenges to meet to continue improving our standardized test scores. Some initiatives we began were teacher specialists to assist our teachers, new technological devices to aid student learning and increase teachers' productivity with administrative tasks, new SAT software, additional academic incentives, and staff development on integrating the standards into the curriculum. Scott's Branch High School will continue to make every effort to help our students advance academically, artistically, in the field of athletics, and socially. We look forward to increased parent and community involvement.

William D. Hamilton

## EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	65.6	73.5	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	78.1	81.8	
Satisfied with home-school relations	40.6	90.9	

### DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

**Excellent** – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Good** – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Average** – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Below Average** – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Unsatisfactory** – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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**Grades** 8-12 High School

**Enrollment:** 447 Students

### Principal

Mr. William Hamilton 803-478-7818

### Superintendent

Dr. Elijah S. McCants 803-485-2325

### Board Chair

Mattie Dyson 803-478-3478

## THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School  
Report Card

**2001**

School Grade:  
Below Average

### South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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